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SUBJECT: ARMS TO ETHIOPIA

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1. DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER ABD AL-RAHMAN AL-MANSOURI TOLD
DCM AND POLITICAL COUNSELOR ON MARCH 4 THAT SAG HAD STUDIED
USG STATEMENT ON MILITARY SHIPMENTS TO ETHIOPIA AND WAS
NOT HAPPY OR PLEASED BY STATEMENT. USG IS SUPPLYING ARMS
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TO ETHIOPIA BUT NOT TO SOMALIA. DCM EXPLAINED THAT ITEMS
BEING SHIPPED TO ETHIOPIA WERE ALL MATERIAL ON WHICH LEGAL
TITLE HAD PASSED PRIOR TO TERMINATION OF OUR MILITARY
RELATIONSHIP WITH ETHIOPIA. IN ANY EVENT, USG HAD PERMITTED
SHIPMENT OF ONLY NON-LETHAL ITEMS AND THAT IT HAD SUSPENDED
EXPORT LICENSIS FOR LETHAL MATERIAL.

2. MANSOURI SAID THAT SAG PREFERRED THAT NOTHING BE SHIPPED TO EITHIPIA FROM STANDPOINT OF BOTH PRINCIPLE AND TIMING. HE REFERRED TO USG SUSPENSION OF SHIPMENT OF PLANES TO LIBYA AND ASKED WHAT WAS DIFFERENCE BETWEEN ETHIOPIA AND LIBYA. IN SAG VIEW, ETHIOPIA IS MORE COMMUNIST THAN LIBYA. DCM EXPLAINED ONCE AGAIN THAT ITEMS SHIPPED TO ETHIOPIA WERE ALREADY BOUGHT AND PAID FOR AND WERE NON-LETHAL ITEMS. IN ANY EVENT, WE WOULD REPORT SAG'S VIEWS TO WASHINGTON.
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